

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of 24 October 2005. Claims 13-20 are pending in the application; Claims 13-14 and 17-18 have been rejected; and Claims 15-16 and 19-20 have been objected to.

By this After Final Response and Amendment, rejected Claims 13-14 and 17-18 have been cancelled; allowable Claims 15-16 and 19-20 have been amended to include the limitations of their respective base and intervening Claims; and the specification has been amended as required to add section headings.

No new matter has been added.

In view of the amendments above and remarks below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination.

About The Invention

The present invention relates generally to methods and apparatus for providing communication between communication stations and data carriers.

Allowable Claims

Claims 15-16 and 19-20 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base Claim, however the Examiner states that these Claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base Claim and any intervening Claims.

Applicant has amended Claims 15-16 and 19-20 as suggested by the Examiner to place this application in condition for allowance.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification and has required section heading to be added to the specification. Applicant has amended the specification to include

section headings for, Field of the Invention, Background, Summary of the Invention, Brief Description of the Drawings, and Detailed Description. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that these objections have been overcome.

Rejections under 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 13-14 and 17-18 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Reis, et al., (US Patent 5,686,902).

Claims 13-14 and 17-18 have been cancelled, and therefore these rejections are now moot.

Conclusion

All of the objections and rejections in the outstanding Office Action of 24 October 2005 have been responded to, and Applicant respectfully submits that the pending Claims 15-16 and 19-20 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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